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SUBJECT: GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE

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1. SUMMARY. ONLY US AND AUSTRALIA HAVE OFFICIALLY REACTED THUS
FAR TO GATT SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE. EC POSITION UNRESOLVED BECAUSE OF
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRANCE AND BELGIUM ON ONE HAND AND OTHER
SEVEN EC MEMBER STATES ON OTHER. SECRETARIAT CANNOT SET MEETING
AGRIC. COMMITTEE TILL THESE PROBLEMS RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REPLY TO SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR
AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, WE SUBMITTED OUR TENTATIVE VIEWS
TO GATT SECRETARIAT (LUCQ) ON MARCH 21 IN LINE REFTEL A AND
AFTER TALKING WITH CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND N. Z. TEXT
FOLLOWS END THIS MESSAGE.

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3. ONLY OTHER OFFICIAL REPLY RECEIVED BY GATT SECRETARIAT
THUS FAR IS FROM AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIAN PAPER IS CONSIDERABLY
LONGER THAN OURS AND INCLUDES SEVERAL IDEAS WHICH ARE LIKELY
TO BE CONTROVERSIAL. CANADIAN DEL UNINSTRUCTED;
ANTICIPATES OTTAWA MAY BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH US DRAFT BUT WOULD
PROBABLY PREFER SEE REFERENCE TO " MORE COMMERCIALIZED
AGRICULTURE". JAPAN ACCEPTS SECRETARIAT DRAFT AS IS FOR
DISCUSSION.

4. ACCORDING TO LUCQ, MAJOR PROBLEM IS EC. EC COMMISSION
HAS A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES SUPPORTED BY
SEVEN MEMBERS. FRENCH AND BELGIANS WANT WAIT TILL MORE IS
KNOWN ABOUT NATURE COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON NEGOTIATING PLAN
IN AGRICULTURE ON WHICH EC COUNCIL MUST ACT BEFORE JULY 1. LUCQ

THINKS DISAGREEMENT WITHIN COMMUNITY WILL TAKE TIME TO RESOLVE.
HOPES HE CAN LEARN MORE WITHIN WEEK FROM EC. HE ALSO SAID
THERE IS GREAT SECRECY SURROUNDING COMMISSIONS' S WORK ON
NEGOTIATING PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE.

5. TEXT US DRAFT FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY
RELATE TO AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY
RELATE TO AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE THE EXPANSION AND LIBERALIZATION OF
WORLD TRADE THROUGH THE PROGRESSIVE DISMANTLING OF OBSTACLES TO
TRADE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, INTER ALIA, THE PARTICULAR FEATURES OF
THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT
HAVE
TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT YEARS, AND THE AIM OF SECURING ADDITIONAL
BENEFITS FOR THE TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES:

1. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO ACHIEVE
AN ACCEPTABLE BALANCE BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY AND SHALL
BE CONDUCTED ON
THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND MUTUAL COMMITMENT
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WITH OVERALL RECIPROCITY, SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL COVER PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS 1-24 OF THE BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE, AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FALLING OUTSIDE OF THESE CHAPTERS.

3. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL COVER TARIFFS AND THOSE NON- TARIFF MEASURES AND ELEMENTS OF DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES WHICH HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRADE.

4. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD INVOLVE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.

5. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL PROCEED IN THE LIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES STATED ABOVE. RIMESTAD

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